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SUBJECT: CHADIAN PRESIDENT MALLOUM TO VISIT CAR

1. CAR NATIONAL RADIO BROADCAST OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE EVENING OF MARCH 9 WHICH STATED THAT CHADIAN PRESIDENT FELIX MALLOUM, CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL, WILL VISIT THE CAR MARCH 13 TO MARCH 15 AT THE INVITATION OF CAR PRESIDENT JEAN-BEDEL BOKASSA. NO OTHER DETAILS WERE GIVEN. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BOKASSA WISHED TO RECEIVE MALLOUM IN BANGUI WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS, BUT THAT MALLOUM REFUSED FOR SECURITY REASONS. CONSEQUENTLY, MEETING BETWEEN TWO HEADS OF STATE WILL BE HELD AT TWO RURAL PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCES, BOBANGUI AND NDELE.

2. THIS WILL BE MALLOUM'S FIRST OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE CAR SINCE TAKING POWER IN APRIL 1975, AND THE FIRST VISIT BY A CHADIAN CHIEF OF STATE SINCE TOMBALBAYE WAS HERE IN 1971. WE ASSUME TWO SIDES WILL DISCUSS THE RE-INTEGRATION OF CHAD INTO UDEAC, AS WELL AS A NUMBER OF BILATERAL ISSUES RELATING TO BORDER SMUGGLING AND FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT FOR CHADIAN CITIZENS IN CAR. THE TIMING OF THE VISIT LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AFTER THE SPECIAL OAU SUMMIT ON ANGOLA SUGGESTS ALSO THAT BOKASSA HAS DECIDED TO MINIMIZE PAST DIFFERENCES BASED ON HIS PERCEPTION OF THE GOC AS TOO BEHOLDEN TO CONGOLESE INFLUENCE AND LEANING TOO FAR LEFT-WARD.

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